STATE OF VERMONT

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

In re)	Fair	Hearing	No.	B-05/09-264
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Appeal of)				

INTRODUCTION

The petitioner appeals a decision by the Office of Vermont Health Access (OVHA) denying her Vermont Health Access Plan (VHAP) coverage for dentures. The issue is whether dentures are a covered service under VHAP.

DISCUSSION

The petitioner is a VHAP recipient who has multiple teeth with advanced decay and/or danger of fracturing who is seeking extraction of her upper teeth and a full upper denture. Her dentist has written that petitioner can benefit from upper dentures.

Unfortunately, petitioner is seeking coverage that is not covered by the VHAP program. W.A.M. § 4003.1, P-4005(C)(37). In addition, VHAP does not have a specific procedure like Medicaid that grants exceptions to non-coverage in exceptional circumstances (see M108).

Because OVHA's decision is in accord with the regulations, OVHA's decision is affirmed. 3 V.S.A. § 3091(d), Fair Hearing Rule No. 1000.4D.

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